

COUNTY OFFICERS.  
 Sheriff, D. London.  
 Clerk & Register, W. H. Stearns.  
 Treasurer, G. M. E. Davis.  
 Prob. Attorney, J. A. H. Babbitt.  
 Judge of Probate, A. Taylor.  
 C. C. Commissioner.  
 Surveyor, N. E. Britt.  
 Coronor, W. H. Sherman.  
 (S. Revell).

SUPERVISORS.  
 Grove Township, O. J. Bell.  
 North Branch, H. Richardson.  
 Beaver Creek, W. Patterson.  
 Maple Forest, J. J. Coventry.  
 Grayling, R. S. Babbitt.  
 Fredericville, J. A. Barker.  
 Center Plains, G. W. Love.

## MASONIC NOTICE.

Regular communication of Grayling Lodge No. 356 at Masonic Hall in Grayling on Thursday evenings on or before the full moon at 8 o'clock sharp, until Sept. 20th. After Sept. 20th to March 20th, 7:30 o'clock.  
 G. M. E. DAVIS, W. M.  
 ADLERBERRY TAYLOR, Sec.

W. M. WOODWORTH,  
**Physician and Surgeon,**  
 GRAYLING, MICH.  
 U. S. Examining Surgeon for Pensioners.  
 Graduate of University of Mich. 1853.  
 Office with A. H. Swarthout.  
 Residence with A. J. Rose.  
 Office hours from 9 to 12 a. m.

W. A. MASTERS, NOTARY PUBLIC—Con-  
 tracts, Mortgages, etc., etc.

J. Maurice Finn,  
 NOTARY PUBLIC, AND DEPUTY  
 Clerk and Register,  
 OF CRAWFORD COUNTY.

A. H. SWARTHOUT,  
 ATTORNEY AND SOLICITOR.  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

Business in adjoining Counties solicited.  
 Real Estate, Insurance, & Collection Agt.  
 GRAYLING, MICH.

N. E. Britt,  
 COUNTY SURVEYOR  
 OF CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Surveying in all of its branches, in-  
 cluding leveling, promptly attended to.  
 GRAYLING, MICH.

## Michigan Central Railroad.

## SAGINAW DIVISION.

## Time Table—Jan. 1, 1882.

## NORTHWARD.

STATIONS.	Mail.	Bay City E.
Chicago, leave	9:10 a. m.	9:00 a. m.
Jackson	7:00 a. m.	4:15 p. m.
River Junction	7:25 a. m.	4:40 p. m.
Mason	7:50 a. m.	4:10 p. m.
Holt	8:07 a. m.	3:22 p. m.
Lansing	8:20 a. m.	3:35 p. m.
North Lansing	8:25 a. m.	3:40 p. m.
Bath	8:40 a. m.	3:55 p. m.
Lansburgh	8:55 a. m.	4:10 p. m.
Bennington	9:10 a. m.	4:25 p. m.
D. M. Crossing	9:25 a. m.	4:38 p. m.
Oakley	9:35 a. m.	4:48 p. m.
Chesaning	9:50 a. m.	5:03 p. m.
St. Charles	10:05 a. m.	5:18 p. m.
Paines	10:20 a. m.	5:33 p. m.
Saginaw City	10:35 a. m.	5:48 p. m.
North Saginaw	11:05 a. m.	5:55 p. m.
F. & P. M. Crossing	11:20 a. m.	6:10 p. m.
Zilwaukee	11:40 a. m.	6:30 p. m.
West May City	11:45 a. m.	6:32 p. m.
Bay City, Arrive	11:55 a. m.	9:20 p. m.

## SOUTHWARD.

STATIONS.	Express.	Mail.
Bay City, Leave	7:00 a. m.	9:25 p. m.
West Bay City	7:05 a. m.	9:30 p. m.
Zilwaukee	7:35 a. m.	9:05 p. m.
F. & P. M. Crossing	7:45 a. m.	8:15 p. m.
North Saginaw	7:55 a. m.	8:25 p. m.
Saginaw City	8:10 a. m.	8:40 p. m.
Paines	8:30 a. m.	7:10 p. m.
St. Charles	8:45 a. m.	7:30 p. m.
Chesaning	8:55 a. m.	7:38 p. m.
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River Junction	11:20 a. m.	10:35 p. m.
Jackson	11:45 a. m.	10:45 p. m.
Chicago, Arrive	7:40 p. m.	7:30 a. m.

All trains on Saginaw Division daily except Sundays. Connecting trains leave Chicago 9 a. m. daily except Sundays, and 9 p. m. daily except Saturdays. Wagner Sleeping Cars on night trains.

## MACKINAW DIVISION.

## NORTHWARD.

Stations.	Mail.	Freight.
West Bay City, Lv		9:00 a. m.
Bay City	8:20 a. m.	
Kawakawin	8:40 a. m.	9:30 a. m.
Pineconing	9:35 a. m.	11:05 a. m.
Standish	10:10 a. m.	11:55 a. m.
Wells	10:50 a. m.	1:25 p. m.
West Branch	11:27 a. m.	3:00 p. m.
St. Helen's	12:02 p. m.	4:30 p. m.
Roscommon	12:35 p. m.	6:00 p. m.
GRAYLING	1:15 p. m.	8:00 p. m.
Osgo Lake	2:40 p. m.	9:40 a. m.
Gaylord	3:05 p. m.	10:50 a. m.
Chesobyan	3:15 p. m.	4:00 a. m.
Mackinaw Cy, Ar	6:00 p. m.	7:30 p. m.

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Gaylord	10:05 a. m.	1:00 p. m.
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GRAYLING	11:50 a. m.	6:00 a. m.
Roscommon	12:35 p. m.	7:45 p. m.
St. Helen's	1:08 p. m.	9:05 p. m.
West Branch	1:40 p. m.	10:25 p. m.
Wells	2:17 p. m.	11:55 p. m.
Standish	3:03 p. m.	1:18 p. m.
Pineconing	3:40 p. m.	2:50 p. m.
Kawakawin	4:30 p. m.	4:05 p. m.
West Bay City	5:00 p. m.	4:35 p. m.
Bay City, Arrive	4:55 p. m.	

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E. C. BROWN, Asst. General Supt., Jackson.  
 FRANK L. WHITNEY, Asst. Gen'l. Pass. and Ticket Agt., Chicago.  
 H. B. LEVARD, Gen. Mgr., Detroit.  
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## LOCAL ITEMS.

Pure Pa is Green at Finn's.

Mrs. T. W. Mitchell is slowly recovering from her late illness.

Mrs. Geo. H. Maurer, of East Saginaw, is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Hartwick's.

Messrs. Salling, Hanson & Co. have a new clerk, in the person of Mr. Levi Clement.

Mrs. Kate Weaver, of Milford, this State, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Hartwick.

Get your envelopes printed at the AVA LANCHE office. A large stock of fine envelopes cheap.

Crockery and glassware at Finn's.

Hon. O. E. M. Cuthbert, of Osgo, was in the city Monday, and made the AVA LANCHE office a pleasant call.

It will do to buy your groceries at a grocery store, but to buy drugs call at a Drug Store.

Roller process flour at Finn's for \$7.2.

The many friends of Mrs. J. M. Jones will be pleased to learn she is in a fair way of recovery from her late severe illness.

Now that hot weather and flies are upon us, those milk and fly-proof safes at Dr. Traver's will be just the thing you need.

Rev. N. Norton Clark, of Laingsburg, discoursed from the M. E. pulpit at the school house on Sunday last, and Rev. S. Edgumbe occupied the pulpit at Fredericville.

Mr. Hui, who has been night agent at this station for some time past, has accepted a like position at Roscommon. Mr. Fred E. Cole, lately of Sterling, takes Mr. Hui's vacated place.

The two Reverend gentlemen, of whom mention was made last week, arrived safely back to our city Saturday p. m., and report a grand good time generally and fair success in the piscatorial art.

Are we to have a band? We are led to ask the foregoing question from the noise made at the hall last Saturday evening. We will gladly excuse the noise if they only keep at it long enough to come out "full-fledged." We need one, and we should all unite in giving encouragement.

We don't want to "give anybody away," and we won't—this time. But if that young gentleman from Osgo Lake comes to Grayling again and inquires where a certain young lady friend is sojourn—

is sojourn—and is informed at the court house—goes to our town hall and rap and rap and rap, and try to gain admittance, we shall be obliged to—

Last Thursday afternoon two cows foolishly attempted to impede the progress of the southward-bound freight as she was pulling into the city. The engineer had confidence enough in his "machine" that they could not do so, and consequently "tooted" the whistle in a rapid succession of "shouts" for them to clear the track. That had the tendency of scaring the bovines into the conclusion of having a race. They made a goody dog-trot speel down the track; but the locomotive made better speed and forced her antagonists, at the point of the "calf-catcher," to yield the course. The animals were duly valued, a report made out and sent in to headquarters, and next pay-day Messrs. Lamport and Sorenson will each receive \$50.

Last Friday noon, while homeward-bound to partake of our usual frugal repast, we met Mr. Chas. A. Ingersoll with his ox team, just coming into town. Mr. Ingersoll called out "whoin," the animals meekly and gently "whoed," and Charley extended the right hand of fellowship, which we gladly and cordially grasped. From the "smoke" upon Charley's face we naturally inferred he had a secret which he was "dying to impart." We encouraged him with smiles and nods and oily-tongued words that we were just the person to help him keep it, in violation. He believed in our sincerity and adaptability to keep all things "hushed," and then went on to tell us: "On Thursday, August 3d, there came a 'tramp' to my house and begged permission to live with me, at the same time informing me he had no place else on earth to lay his weary head. I asked him if he ever had any experience at farming. He said no, but he thought with a little proper training that he would in time make a tip-top first class farmer. I took him at his word and concluded to keep him. His weight is 10 pounds. Go on there bright! Gee up there Brin!" and Charley departed, happily whistling. "He is a rosy-cheeked lad, and I love him dearly."

Good brown sugar 8c at Finn's.

Communication from Manistee received too late for this issue.

The social of the Ladies Aid Society at the residence of Mrs. Rose last Friday afternoon was well attended and a pleasant time enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Swarthout, and a sister of each, have been in camp on the banks of the Portage for the past week. The young ladies will return home to-day, all highly pleased with the rest and recreation.

The next social of the M. E. Ladies society will be held to-morrow afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Masters. All members are requested to be present early, as officers for the ensuing term are to be elected.

On Tuesday Messrs. Steckert and Traver were taking a sail on the Portage in a strong wind when they lost their rudder and with great difficulty kept their boat right-side up till help reached them and towed the craft ashore.

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## FOR SALE.

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On Tuesday a party from Elmira,

N. Y., consisting of Messrs. L. M. Millsap, hardware merchant; H. C. Hamilton, grocer; J. T. Hill, carpenter; J. D. Booth, hardware; J. M. Elston, dry goods; R. H. Walker, plumber; L. B. VanGorder, builder; G. D. Palmer, hardware; J. J. Bush, commercial reporter and Wm. Holmes, cook, arrived in our city for their annual sport on the river. They brought with them a large lot of fireworks, and in the evening treated our citizens with a fine pyrotechnic display and a vocal concert which was fully appreciated. They have built five boats and propose following the river to its mouth, where they will take a steamer for home about Sept. 1st. We bespeak for them an enjoyable time. The following dispatch from Elmira yesterday explains the situation there:

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and that no title to public lands has been made, and he has declared an intention to become a member of the House of Representatives. The report was adopted, after a lengthy and heated discussion. A resolution offered by the Governor of Chicago, denouncing in strong language a scheme to subjugate Egypt, expressing hearty sympathy for Arabi Bey, was unanimously adopted, and the convention adjourned.

The following State Committee was chosen: District, L. L. Fargo, of Chicago; Second, Donnelly, of Chicago; Third, R. B. of Chicago; Fourth, C. G. Whipple, of Chicago; Fifth, E. F. Reed, of Chicago; Sixth, Ashton, of Rockford; Seventh, M. Lloyd, of Orion; Eighth, E. Plumb, of Chicago; Ninth, R. T. Wilcox, of Gibson City; Tenth, J. H. White, of Chicago; Eleventh, T. Duganworth, of Rock Island; Twelfth, Grimes, of Milton; Thirteenth, T. S. of Chicago; Fourteenth, J. H. White, of Chicago; Fifteenth, J. H. White, of Chicago; Sixteenth, J. H. White, of Chicago; Seventeenth, J. H. White, of Chicago; Eighteenth, J. H. White, of Chicago; Nineteenth, J. H. White, of Chicago; Twentieth, R. J. Staples, of Murphysburg.

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS.**  
 Democrats of South Carolina held a Convention at Columbia and nominated S. Thompson for Governor, J. P. Rich for Treasurer, Ellison Sapers for Secretary, and an address was made by A. M. for Adjutant and Inspector General. Resolutions adopted treat at length of the Government by the Republican party, and charged it with the responsibility for our race on justice and decency.

**CIVIL SERVICE REFORMERS.**  
 National Civil Service Reform Association met at Newport, R. I. George William and an address was made by the President. Resolutions embodying the of those present were adopted. They in the political assessment now in progress the employees of the Republican Committee of the House of Representatives, and the League to bring the legality of the circular to a judicial test. Measures taken for the prosecution of active work for the civil service reform. John Jay, Josiah Quincy and other Civil Reformers participated in the proceedings.

**WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS OF OHIO.**  
 State Convention of the Woman Suffrage Ohio was held at Columbus, Gideon T. of Norwalk, presiding. The constitution by laws of 1893 were adopted, and a of resolutions setting forth that suffrage for women, and the right of women to hold office, is a matter of justice, and is a necessary part of the preservation of party. It was decided to organize the State by counties and towns the same as the other parties. A letter to the Governor, signed by the President of the Congress of the work in different States.

**GEORGIA REPUBLICANS.**  
 State Conventions of Georgia, Republican held at Atlanta. Both endorsed L. J. for Governor. The Blaine faction elected R. D. Locke for Congressman-at-large, George S. Thomas for Attorney General, V. V. for Secretary of State, W. A. for Controller, and O. F. E. for Treasurer. The opposing element, the faction, placed the following ticket: Governor, J. H. White, of Chicago; Secretary of State, William J. Attorney General, John D. Cunningham, of Chicago; Treasurer, J. H. White, of Chicago. The ticket was endorsed by prominent politicians of prominence in the State.

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**NUMBER OF FARMS.**  
 Given by a Census Bulletin for the Last Four Decades. The bulletin from the Census office gives the of farms in the United States in the 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1890, together with a of the rate per cent. of increase from 1860 to 1890. The great increase in the North-western and Pacific States and Territories by the rapid settlement of those during the past decade, and an increase in the Southern States is accounted for by the of the large plantations of ten and more acres. The total number of farms in the United States in 1870 was 2,650,935, and in 1890, 4,068,907, an increase of 51 per cent. of Ohio is credited with 195,953 farms while in 1880 there were 247,189, an increase of 26 per cent. The rate of increase of 41 per cent. in the last ten years a total of 18,422 in 1870 and 18,422 in 1890. Indiana increased 29 per cent. a total of 194,025 farms in 1890, 161,289 in 1870. Tennessee has in the number of her farms 40 per cent. time, having total of 155,650 in 1870, and 215,650 in 1890. The New England enormous gain of 91.4 per cent. in Nebraska is next to Dakota, with an increase of 125 per cent. The New England being but little subject to changes, showing increase, Maine, New Hampshire total having increased the number of farms 39.9 and 40 per cent., respectively. The increase of 100 per cent. of the effective census of 1870 in that State.

**HAVING A COLORED LIFE.**  
 A man over the Georgia railroad, and there were a number of Northerners, and at a small station beyond a citizen entered one of the cars, presented a fine bouquet to a said: "I am a colored man, and I am a citizen, you see that man leaning the door-post over there?" "Yes, sir," you will lean out of the window to him you will win my eternal love.

What confused and surprised she the request. The man at the straightened up as if shot, pulled out with both hands and bowed to the ground in reply. "Thank you, accept not only my thanks," a man on the car, "but of this election of Georgia. That man is a colored man, and this is the first time and his hands out of his pockets seven months! Thanks—thanks have saved his life!"

**THE SHEEP LOSE THEIR WOOL.**  
 A man will lose their wool in the second that they are on this island. When they are brought from, and become as woolless as goats, dropped here will retain their wool about the same length of time, their woolly coats become nothing but a soft, short hair, like in every to that of a goat. We know because there were woolless sheep, but think an importation of any strictly tropic climate would remove.—Key West Democrat.

The answer turneth away wrath. With a soft mislead—a tomato or







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### REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

A Republican State Convention to nominate State officers and for the transaction of other business will be held at the Opera House in the village of Kalamazoo, on Wednesday, August 30th, 1882, at 11 o'clock a. m.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at Grand Rapids, May 10th, 1878, every county will be entitled to one delegate for each 500 of the total vote cast for Governor at the last State election (in 1880), and one additional delegate for every fraction of 300 votes, but each organized county will be entitled to at least one delegate.

Under a resolution of 1888 no delegate will be entitled to a seat in the convention who does not reside in the county he proposes to represent.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at Detroit, June 23d, 1880, the secretary of each county convention is requested to forward to the State Central Committee, by the earliest mail after the delegates to the State convention are chosen, a certified list of such delegates as are entitled to seats in the State convention from their respective counties.

B. P. BALDWIN, Chairman.  
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G. W. PARTRIDGE, Sec. pro tem.

### REPUBLICAN CONVENTION—TENTH DISTRICT.

The Republicans of the Tenth Congressional District are requested to meet in convention, by properly accredited delegates, at the Court House in the city of Bay City, on Thursday, August 31st, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of putting in nomination a candidate for Representative in Congress for said district; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The several counties of the district will be entitled to the same number of delegates as allowed at the State convention, being on the basis of one delegate for each five hundred of the total vote cast for Governor at the last State election, and one additional delegate for every fraction of 300 votes; provided, that each organized county shall be entitled to at least one delegate, viz:

Alcona, 1; Alpena, 4; Bay, 13; Charle, 2; Crawford, 1; Cheboygan, 2; Emmet, 3; Gladwin, 1; Iosco, 3; Montmorency, 1; Ogemaw, 1; Otsego, 1; Oscoda, 1; Presque Isle, 1; Rosconmoun, 2; Tuscola, 10.

Each delegate must reside in the county he proposes to represent.

Bay City, July 24, 1882.

T. F. SHEPARD, Bay City.  
W. C. STEVENS, East Tawas.  
HENRY WOODRUFF, Farwell.  
J. A. THORNTON, Vassar.  
GEO. W. BENT, Cheboygan.  
WM. CROSBY, Harbor Springs.  
Republican Committee, Tenth District.

### JOE BENTLEY AND THE QUEEN.

Joe Bentley was an American boy who had been brought up on a cattle farm in the interior of one of the New England States, but who had left home for the more congenial life on board a man-of-war. His first voyage took him to Lisbon, where, to his great delight, he learned that there was to be, during the following Easter week, a great bull fight. The wildest bulls had been brought from Andalusia, a large number of horses from the royal stables were to be in the ring, the Queen herself would preside and distribute the favors, and, in short, it was to be the grandest bull fight seen in Portugal for many years.

All this had a peculiar fascination for Joe. In all his allusions to Portugal and Spain, he had declared to the boys that the only thing he cared to see in those countries was a bull fight.

The bull fights of Portugal are different from those in Spain in several important particulars. At every such fight in Spain, where the cruel sport is conducted in the most barbarous manner, many horses are killed, and sometimes men, too, fall victims, and at the close of the fight the bull is dispatched by the *matador*, or bull-killer. The law of Portugal does not allow the bull to be killed, and his horns are always padded, or tipped with brass, so that he cannot gore the horses. Once in a while, however, a man is killed, in spite of this precaution. The excitement is intense, as the object is to drive or drag the bull from the inclosure.

Accordingly, having obtained permission to go ashore on the day of the fight, he made his way at an early hour to the bull ring, and obtained one of the best seats. He thought that all Lisbon must be there. All waited in suspense for the Queen to enter the royal box. Presently she appeared and was greeted with repeated cries of applause. Then the sport began, and Joe watched with interest and enthusiasm the mad rush of the bull into the ring, and admired the agility of his tormentors in evading his onslaughts. Finally, however, the superb animal had driven all his opponents from the inclosure.

For an instant the bull was master of the ring.

The most perilous feat of the bull-ring was now attempted. A young man, covered with silver lace hung all over with little bells, undertook to

and cling to them till the bull should be sufficiently exhausted to be overpowered and taken from the ring. He courageously made the attempt, but unhappily missed his aim and fell directly in front of the enraged animal.

At this moment of terrible suspense, moreover, Joe suddenly saw what had not yet been discovered by anyone else—that the bull had lost the padding from one of his horns. He stood over the young man, his eyes glaring and his whole attitude one of furious anger. He refused to be diverted by the colors glancing all around him, and he seemed to be considering whether he should trample on his victim or pierce him with the naked horn. The young man did not dare to move, for he was aware that the bull possessed every advantage. The excitement of the audience was at its highest point, and the overwrought feelings of our hero would allow him to retain his seat no longer.

With the sprightliness of a sailor-boy he leaped the paling. Everybody was astonished at his temerity. An Englishman present, fearing for the life of the unpracticed lad, cried out, "Come back!" Several Americans shouted for him to leave the ring. But Joe had made the venture and he was not going to be frightened from the ring. On the farm at home he had conquered many a steer quite as mad and powerful as even this maddened bull.

He was conscious that thousands of eyes were watching him with eager interest; but without hesitation he advanced toward the bull, coolly placing himself so that with one hand he could grasp the bull's horn, while with the other he could seize his shaggy mane. The young man, meanwhile, leaped to his feet and retired to a safe position, leaving Joe to fight the bull alone.

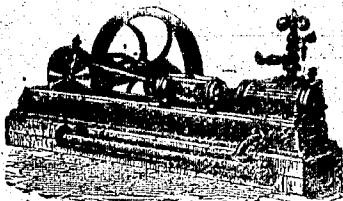
Joe's mode of attack had never before been seen in Portugal, and it appeared the extreme of folly. A murmur of remonstrance was heard in every part of the audience. Many cried out for the *campesinos* to rush in and rescue the reckless youth. The bull did not seem to appreciate the turn events had taken, and for a moment stood motionless. A strange silence, almost ominous of defeat to our hero, settled upon the pavilion. It was a thrilling scene—the brave sailor boy apparently at the mercy of the furious animal, and thousands of spectators looking on with breathless interest.

Suddenly the bull recovered himself, and, with an angry snarl of his head, renewed hostilities. Joe quickly found that clinging to a yard-arm in a temporary less difficult than to the bull's slippery horn; but he was determined to be captain of this lively craft. Somehow he felt that the honor of his country depended upon his victory.

As a good seaman favors his ship in a hurricane, so Joe resolved to humor the bull. He realized that he must take care of his strength, for he would need it all before he got through with his antagonist. Now the bull began to exhibit his wrath. He writhed, and hooked, and stamped. One instant the audience expected to see poor Joe dangling from his horns, and the next trampled helpless beneath his feet. But Joe clung as he would cling to a line in a fearful surf. During the intervals of the bull's violence, as in the water on itsebb, he struck gallantly upon his feet. Each time he did so cries of "Bravo! bravo!" rent the air. The bull continued to put forth still greater power. He plunged and tore around the ring. Alternately he jerked and swung Joe from his feet, and fairly spun him through the air. The pavilion tossed, and reeled, and whirled before Joe's giddy sight.

Round and round flew the bull as in a race for life. Several times he completed the circuit of the ring; a cloud of dust rose over his track and hung over it like a wreath of smoke. How Joe held on! He feared he could not endure the shock and strain for a minute longer, and he dreaded to let go. He began to lament his rashness. But all at once the bull's speed slackened. Joe felt a thrill of gratitude as his feet once more touched the ground. He was tired of flying and was very glad to rest. The bull, convinced that he could not liberate his horn from Joe's unyielding grasp, came to a halt and with disappointed anger began to paw the ground. Joe had longed for this advantage, which, strange to say, a bull seldom gives till toward the close of a fight, and he sprang directly in front of him and firmly grasped both his horns. "Bravo! bravo!" rent the air. Joe braced himself and waited, and when the bull threw his foot high in the air with its little cloud of dust, by a quick, powerful movement, Joe twisted his head to one side so strongly that the fierce animal was thrown off his balance and fell heavily upon his side.

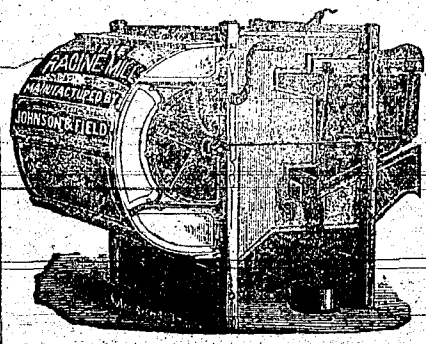
A score of men rushed in to hold him down until he should be secured; then he was rolled and taken triumphantly from the ring. Joe was almost defended by the applause. He suddenly found himself a hero in the estimation of the audience, and was overwhelmed by the outbursts of enthusiasm. He was not allowed to leave the ring until he had been led to the royal box, where the Queen, with her own hand, passed him a beautiful bouquet. She also extended to him an invitation to come to the palace, where she herself would receive the brave American boy—St. Nicholas for August.



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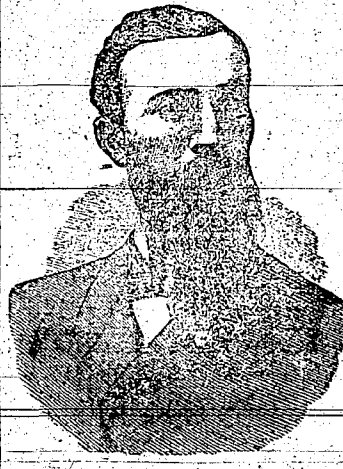
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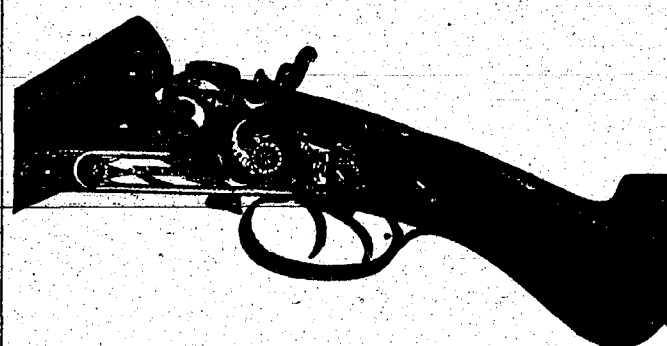
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